

NEW POLISH PRIVATE FARMS GROWING UP... Arni Arabians

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Anyone who ever tried to breed horses professionally, surely experienced the difficulties of nowadays market. Although, despite so called „world crisis” still and hopefully we know passionate people that are starting with new breeding farms. What are the problems that the new upcoming Arabian horse breeder may face and how to keep existing and be successful on the competitive Arabian horse market nowadays?

There are some good examples for it in Poland where private breeding started to grow after the Communism collapsed and where the breeders, before they would think about international success, they must first try themselves in competition with such strong world leaders as Polish State Studs. How they do it? Arni Arabians is one of such new Polish breeding operation...



Tutto Arabi: *Is it difficult for new small private farm to develop and exist on the aggressive worldwide market nowadays?*

Arni Arabians: *For sure without doubts it is difficult, both on national and European scale. Especially in Poland the competitors are very strong – we already have Polish private farms that achieved successes on national, European and worldwide level. This is why our first goal is to exist well on Polish ground, then with some little luck we are looking forward for further step out. Horse breeding is long term project, so it must be well planned and try to make it work well, there are no short cuts or mathematical specimen for breeding a champion, but the homework must be done anyway...*

TA: *You are the new small private upcoming farm like this – what was and is your plan to be seen on the wider field or even this local one?*

AA: *First of all we are young farm that is still collecting its first experiences, watching, going to many shows to get knowledge, see others actions, looking for good sires to use on our mares and not necessarily a champion makers in the past - like WH Justice, QR Marc or Marwan Al Shaqab... Many breeders look for the stallion that would add even*

more dish on face, more swan neck, more floating movements, but how many of nowadays breeders can answer the question which stallion can improve the legs? Recently, at European Championships Mr Jerzy Białobok, the director of famous Michałów State Stud Poland answered to me to this question: „there are maybe 2 or 3 sires like this but such

information who they are is very precious...”. We want to breed horses that are correct in conformation first of all, catching eye with overall look. Our attendance to many shows in the passing year brought an idea for stallion to be used on our mares in the coming breeding season.

TA: *When exactly Arni Arabians stud was established and how you have come to an idea for Arabian horse breeding?*

AA: *I count the stud establishment since the day of the first broodmare purchase – so since 18 January 2008 so we are still at the beginning of the way. Somehow it is surely a part of my family tradition as my great grandfather was*

horse breeder and also my grandfather was passionate horse owner; it were not Arabians, but still horses! I think such passion can be passed through generations. Also I wouldn't forget about my family name – Woźnica that in Polish means „coachman” so the name commits...



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TA: *Your first horse purchases were deeply analysed before or rather a consequence of impulse?*

AA: *It took long time to purchase first broodmare but it finally happened and it was Aldona (by Europejczyk out of Algeria's daughter). The other purchases were more thought over as we wanted to have the daughters of Eldon, Emigrant and some horses with Padróns Psyche in pedigree. The impulse came with 3rd horse to buy – 1,5 years old filly Wadi Vena...*

TA: *And those first acquisitions were lucky ones?*

AA: *It's hard to say now as we decided to buy young mares not experienced broodmares so their first foals has just been born at our farm and so those mares are not yet proven. We are very happy with Wadi Vena by by Gaspar out of Ganges daughter. She produced filly and colt so far. We are also happy with fillies out of Emigrant daughter - Parmena (Emigrant - Prafraza), one of her daughters is by black stallion Envision DH (by Ames Charisma) and she will join broodmares band next year and the other one is 2012 Parisa by Valerio Ibn Eternity.*

TA: *So how many horses you have in total by now and who are those best ones?*

AA: *The stud counts 12 horses now – 11 mares and fillies and 1 colt. About the pearls – we decided to base the breeding on young mares so not all of them we have proven yet – for sure it is Wadi Vena mentioned above who produced*

2011 filly Wenkanta by HDB Shīr Ibn Massai. Its very promising filly with long legs and correct conformation so if she wouldn't change she will stay as broodmare. Another promising one is Wisenna (Eldon - Workuta/Monogramm), the mare of very interesting pedigree also with good conformation and great movements. But we really hope that the true pearls are still to come.

TA: *What is your plan for the further promotion of still small breeding?*



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AA: *The best promotion are good horses and we will focus on that. If we would breed very good horses it will be followed by successful show appearances and this is the best promotion for horse and breeder, in my opinion.*

TA: *And those first show successes are still in front or already behind you?*

AA: *It depends what you mean by „success“. For one it may be the local show results, for the other the win at European or World Championship. Let's say that those first small*

successes are already behind and those big ones hopefully in front. We have in mind how hard is the competition and we know there is hard work in front but we have competitive souls and we are patient so we will try to achieve the success step by step. For us the most important it to reach the success with home bred horse – buying a good horse and its promotion its for us like taking short cut, we don't accept it moreover that its relatively easy nowadays to buy a good horse.

TA: What about plans for the next show season?

AA: Next season we plan to show our promising colt Witalij (Valerio Ibn Eternity - Wadi Vena/Gaspar), its half brother to our favourite - Wenkanta (HDB Sihr Ibn Massai - Wadi Vena), that will also continue her show career next year. It

seems that they may be also joined with the filly Parisa also by Valerio Ibn Eternity.

TA: And how about the breeding plan? What foals are you expecting and who is the long searched and found good stallion?

AA: We already made the breeding plan for next year I think we are very well prepared. Next year will bring to us the foals by LA Nadeschnij (Marajj - Nil Nouza), Eternal (FS Bengali - Ewitacja), Psytadel (Padrons Psyche – Bint Bey Shah). We are planning to use stallions from the WH Justice and Marwan Al Shaqab lines but we also have this one pearl found that may work well with our mares. But I will not say the name now to not bring the bad luck into the house...



WITALIJ

(Valerio Ibn Eternity VI x Wadi Vena)

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